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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION AT PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPARATORY
MEETING

1. TWO OF THE THREE OBJECTIVES WE HAD SET AS PRE-CONDITIONS
TO US PARTICIPATION IN PRELIMINARY MEETING WITH PRODUCERS--
FINANCIAL SOLIDARITY AND COMMON COMMITMENTS ON ENERGY CON-
SERVATION BY CONSUMERS -- HAVE NOW BEEN ACHIEVED. WE HOPE
THAT A COMMON APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY
SOURCES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE AT MARCH 6-7 IEA

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MEETING. THIS

SHOULD RESULT IN IEA GOVERNING BOARD CONCLUSION THAT FIRST PHASE OF SCENARIO FOR DIALOGUE WITH PRODUCERS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND ENABLE IEA TO AGREE TO HOLDING OF PREPARATORY MEETING WITH PRODUCERS IN LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL.

2. IEA HAS AGREED THAT PURPOSE OF PREPARATORY MEETING WOULD BE TO "CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT STAGES OF A DIALOGUE ON OIL BETWEEN PRODUCING AND CONSUMING COUNTRIES" IEA ESTABLISHED FOLLOWING CONDITIONS FOR MEETING:

(I) THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING IS A PROCEDURAL MEETING, CONDUCTED AT OFFICIAL LEVEL, TO DETERMINE THE MODALITIES OF THE NEXT STAGE OF A CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE ON OIL;

(II) THAT THE MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING BE ENTIRELY WITHOUT PREJUDICE SO FAR AS MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES OF SUBSEQUENT STAGES OF THE DIALOGUE ARE CONCERNED;

(III) THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, A PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO FOSTER SUCH A DIALOGUE, BE INVITED TO ATTEND WITH OBSERVER STATUS.

3. AT ITS NEXT MEETING, IEA WILL ADOPT FINAL POSITION WITH REGARD TO REPRESENTATION OF INDUSTRIAL CONSUMER COUNTRIES, AGENDA CHAIRMANSHIP AND OTHER QUESTIONS FOR PREPARATORY MEETING WITH PRODUCERS.

4. TO ASSIST IN FORMULATING USG POSITIONS ON THESE ISSUES, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO SOUND OUT HOST GOVERNMENT REGARDING ITS UNDERSTANDING OF REPRESENTATION QUESTION. YOU SHOULD, INTER ALIA, TRY TO DETERMINE HOW ITS POSITION WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE RESOLUTION OF THE DAKAR CONFERENCE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH CALLED FOR INCLUDING THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS ON THE AGENDA AND IMPLIED A BILATERAL (LDC VS. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) RATHER THAN TRILATERAL CONFERENCE AS PROPOSED BY FRENCH AND SAUDIS. IS HOST GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO ACCEPT LDC REPRESENTATIVES SELECTED AT SPECIAL UN MEETING RECENTLY CALLED BY ALGERIA.

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5. IN VIEW OFTEN CONFLICTING AND INCOMPLETE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON CONTACTS BETWEEN FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND PRODUCER/LDC PARTICIPANTS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE INFORMATION ON WHETHER HOST GOVERNMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPROACHED BY GOF AND WHAT POSITION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THIS ISSUE.

6. FOR BRASILIA: WE WILL RESPOND IN SEPARATE MESSAGE TO

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